REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AND RECORD OF ACTION

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August 5, 2003

FROM: MICHAEL E. HAYS, Director

LAND USE SERVICES DEPARTMENT/CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

SUBJECT: DEMOLITION OF SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS IN THE THIRD

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT - JOSHUA TREE AREA

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Director of Land Use Services and the County Purchasing Agent to award the necessary purchase orders to demolish six (6) uninhabited buildings in Joshua Tree area, as more specifically detailed per the listing on file with the Clerk of the Board.

AREA	SUPV. DIST	NO. OF PROPERTIES	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Joshua Tree	3	6	<u>\$19,000</u>
TOTAL:			\$19,000

- 2. **DECLARE** that the subject buildings are substandard, a menace to public health and safety, and that each property constitutes a blighted condition.
- 3. **ORDER** the cost of demolitions plus administrative fees to be levied as a special assessment against the properties should the owners fail to pay all costs upon completion of the work, and direct all money received to the Department of Economic and Community Development.
- 4. **AUTHORIZE** The Director of Land Use Services to terminate all proceedings in the event the owner complies by rehabilitating or demolishing the structures(s) prior to demolition by the contractor.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Director of Land Use Services has determined by inspection that the privately-owned structures listed on the attachment are substandard buildings, as defined by Sections 63.063, 63.064, and 63.066 of the San Bernardino County Code, and has ordered them rehabilitated or demolished. The Director has further determined that public nuisances exist as defined by Section 33.032, and has ordered that all public nuisances be removed per Section 33.0310.

The owners and all interested parties have been notified of the order, as per County Code, but have failed to rehabilitate or demolish the non-compliant structures. The structures are currently uninhabited. Demolition by the County through private contractors is now necessary. A request for bids was sent out to contractors for the public nuisance abatement and demolition work. Upon completion of the competitive bidding process, the Purchasing Department will award the contract for nuisance abatement and demolition services to the lowest bidder that meets the requirements.

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Pursuant to County Policy 11-05 effective July 1, 2002, departments are required to seek Board of Supervisors approval when contracting for services with any one vendor in excess of \$25,000 per scope of services. "Scope of Services" as defined therein means all the work and materials to complete a contract, job, or project. This project (Proposal D2) will not exceed \$25,000; and, therefore, the contract may be issued by the Purchasing Department without further action by the Board of Supervisors.

The work is necessary to protect the public safety and welfare, to remove a menace to public health and safety, and to eliminate blight from the County. Authority for demolition and removal is contained in Sections 63.014, 63.066, and 33.0310, of the San Bernardino County Code.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This agenda item has been reviewed by Economic and Community Development Department, Janette Hoover, ECD Analyst, on July 15, 2003; Purchasing Department, Aurelio De La Torre, Director, on July 16, 2003; Deputy County Counsel, Patricia Pringle on July 17, 2003; LUSD Contract Compliance Coordinator, Ruth Rice, on July 21, 2003; and by the County Administrative Office, Patricia M. Cole, Administrative Analyst III, on July 28, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Total cost for this work will be paid with funding secured through the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Grant as part of the VA/HUD Appropriation Bill. This EDI Grant is for the County's Shack Attack program (040-24310/1847). Cost of the completed work shall be billed to the property owner(s). Any amount unpaid by the property owner(s) would then become a special assessment against the property.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 3rd

PRESENTER: Paul B. Tavares, Division Chief - Code Enforcement Division, 387-9050

PROPERTY TO BE AWARDED IN THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

1.	ITEM NO: APN: ADDRESS: USE OF STRUCTURE: SUPV. DIST. APPROX. COST: NOTES:	01-1167 YM 500 0631-132-12-0000 60625 Sonora Road Joshua Tree, Ca RESIDENCE 3 \$2,000 OPEN & ABANDONED
2.	ITEM NO: APN: ADDRESS: USE OF STRUCTURE: SUPV. DIST. APPROX. COST: NOTES:	01-1115 JT 147 0603-253-13-0000 6073 Panorama Road Joshua Tree, Ca RESIDENCE 3 \$4,500 OPEN & ABANDONED
3.	ITEM NO: APN: ADDRESS: USE OF STRUCTURE: SUPV. DIST. APPROX. COST: NOTES:	01-1126 JT 192 0603-253-14-0000 6083 Panorama Road Joshua Tree, Ca RESIDENCE 3 \$4,500 OPEN & ABANDONED
4.	ITEM NO: APN: ADDRESS: USE OF STRUCTURE: SUPV. DIST. APPROX. COST: NOTES:	02-3096 JT 546 0603-141-15-0000 62038 Desert Air Road Joshua Tree, Ca RESIDENCE 3 \$4,500 OPEN & ABANDONED

PROPERTY TO BE AWARDED IN THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

5.	ITEM NO:	02-3101 JT 544
	APN:	0588-131-69-0000
	ADDRESS:	59655 Alta Loma Trail
		Joshua Tree, Ca
	USE OF STRUCTURE:	RESIDENCE
	SUPV. DIST.	3
	APPROX. COST:	\$2,000
	NOTES:	OPEN AND ABANDONED
6.	ITEM NO:	02-3100 JT 545
	APN:	0588-131-61
	ADDRESS:	59809 Alta Loma Trail
		Joshua Tree, Ca
	USE OF STRUCTURE:	RESIDENCE
	SUPV. DIST.	3
	APPROX. COST:	\$1,500
	NOTES:	OPEN AND ABANDONED